

107TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3442

To establish the National Museum of African American History and Culture Plan for Action Presidential Commission to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance of the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C., and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 11, 2001

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia (for himself, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, and Mr. REGULA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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Committees on Resources, House Administration and Transportation and Infrastructure discharged; considered under suspension of the rules and passed

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Museum of
5 African American History and Culture Plan for Action
6 Presidential Commission Act of 2001”.

7 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is established the National
9 Museum of African American History and Culture Plan
10 for Action Presidential Commission (hereafter in this Act
11 referred to as the “Commission”).

12 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Commission shall consist of
13 not more than 23 members appointed as follows:

14 (1) The President shall appoint 7 voting mem-
15 bers.

16 (2) The Speaker of the House of Representa-
17 tives and the Senate Majority Leader shall each ap-
18 point 6 voting members.

19 (3) In addition to the members appointed under
20 paragraph (2), the Speaker of the House of Rep-
21 resentatives and the Senate Majority Leader shall
22 each appoint 2 additional nonvoting members.

23 (c) QUALIFICATIONS.—Members of the Commission
24 shall be chosen from the following professional groups:

1 (1) Professional museum associations, including
2 the Association of African American Museums and
3 African American Museum Cultural Complex. Inc.

4 (2) Academic institutions and groups com-
5 mitted to the research and study of African Amer-
6 ican life, art, history, and culture, including Histori-
7 cally Black Colleges and Universities and the Joint
8 Center for Political and Economic Studies.

9 **SEC. 3. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION.**

10 (a) PLAN OF ACTION FOR ESTABLISHMENT AND
11 MAINTENANCE OF MUSEUM.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall sub-
13 mit a report to the President and the Congress con-
14 taining its recommendations with respect to a plan
15 of action for the establishment and maintenance of
16 the National Museum of African American History
17 and Culture in Washington, D.C. (hereafter in this
18 Act referred to as the “Museum”).

19 (2) NATIONAL CONFERENCE.—In developing
20 the recommendations, the commission shall convene
21 a national conference on the Museum, comprised of
22 individuals committed to the advancement of African
23 American life, art, history, and culture, not later
24 than 3 months after the date of the enactment of
25 this Act.

1 (b) FUNDRAISING PLAN.—The Commission shall de-
2 velop a fundraising plan for supporting the creation and
3 maintenance of the Museum through contributions by the
4 American people, and a separate plan on fundraising by
5 the African American community.

6 (c) REPORT ON ISSUES.—The Commission shall ex-
7 amine and submit a report to the President and the Con-
8 gress on the following issues:

9 (1) The availability and cost of collections to be
10 acquired and housed in the Museum.

11 (2) The impact of the Museum on regional Afri-
12 can American museums.

13 (3) Possible locations for the Museum on or ad-
14 jacent to the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

15 (4) The cost of converting the Smithsonian In-
16 stitution's Arts and Industries Building into a mod-
17 ern museum with requisite temperature and humid-
18 ity controls.

19 (5) Whether the Museum should be located
20 within the Smithsonian Institution.

21 (6) The governance and organizational struc-
22 ture from which the museum should operate.

23 (d) LEGISLATION TO CARRY OUT PLAN OF AC-
24 TION.—Based on the recommendations contained in the
25 report submitted under subsection (a) and the report sub-

mitted under subsection (c), the Commission shall submit for consideration to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives, Committee on Resources, the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, and the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate a legislative plan of action to create and construct the Museum.

SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.

(a) FACILITIES AND SUPPORT OF SECRETARY OF INTERIOR.—The Secretary of the Interior shall provide the administrative services, facilities, and funds necessary for the performance of the Commission’s functions.

(b) COMPENSATION.—Each member of the Commission who is not an officer or employee of the Federal government may receive compensation for each day on which the member is engaged in the work of the Commission, at a daily rate to be determined by the Secretary of the Interior.

(c) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Each member shall receive travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in accordance with applicable provisions under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code.

1 **SEC. 5. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF REPORTS; TERMI-**
2 **NATION.**

3 (a) DEADLINE.—The Commission shall submit final
4 versions of the reports and plans required under section
5 3 not later than 9 months after the date of the enactment
6 of this Act.

7 (b) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate
8 not later than 30 days after submitting the final versions
9 of reports and plans pursuant to subsection (a).

10 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

11 There are authorized to be appropriated \$3,000,000
12 for activities of the Commission during fiscal year 2002.

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